# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:86
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2006
GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY OF INDIANS ABROAD
Deora Shri Milind Murli

**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce stringent measures to make firms more responsible towards their employees after two Indians were allegedly kidnapped and killed in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines proposed to be laid down in this regard;

(c) whether suitable compensation was paid to the family members of the deceased Indian; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d): A statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in the reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 86 for answer on 22.11.06 by Shri Milind Deora regarding Guidelines for Safety of Indians Abroad

(a) & (b): Following steps have been taken in this regard:

(i) Specific security instructions have been issued to Project exporters for strict compliance in respect of deployment of workers by them in Afghanistan.

(ii) An additional insurance cover in the shape of Personal Accident Cover of Rs. 5 lakh has been made compulsory at the employer's cost.

(iii) Suitable conditions have been incorporated in the permit to be issued to Project Exporters seeking deployment of Indian workers for their projects in Afghanistan.

(c) & (d):

(i) The family of late Shri Raman Kutty, a BRO official killed in Afghanistan on 22.11.05, received a financial assistance of Rs. 15 lakh from BRO, Rs. 5 lakh as ex gratia payment from PM, and US $ 5000/- from Government of Afghanistan. State Government, in addition to the ex gratia payment of Rs. 5 lakh is providing free education to his children till Standard X and BRO will subsequently bear the expenditure towards graduate studies of his two sons.

(ii) In case of late Shri K Suryanarayana, who was killed in Afghanistan in April, 2006, Andhra Pradesh State Government has appointed his wife as Junior Assistant in the Division Forest Office in Hyderabad. In Addition, a cheque of Rs. 2 lakh has been given to her from the CM's/PM's Relief Fund. The State Government also handed over Kisan Vikas Patras to the tune of Rs. 2 lakh each to the four children of the deceased.